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# C O C K T A I L      P A R T Y

Thursday, December 21 -- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway  
5:30 to 7:30 P. M. --- Members and Guests: FREE

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## SANTA CLAUS LANDS BY AIR

by

Major Lester R. Ferriss, USAF

## Veteran of 43 Missions Over The North Pole

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As the Squire of the North Pole once again prepares for his global journey on Christmas Eve, the Overseas Press Club next week presents an eye-witness report on Santa Claus' legendary headquarters. For, not long ago, Major Ferriss returned from a tour of duty which took him on regular flights across the icy wastelands to the top of the world. As a pilot with the 375th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Military Air Transport Service, Major Ferriss is a veteran "Pole vaulter."

In an informal talk combining seasonal reflections with facts about America's Arctic defense strategy, Major Ferriss will keynote the Club's observance of the Christmas holiday. Also, Members will have an opportunity at this cocktail party to exchange season's wishes in the last Club function before the year's end.

DON'T MISS THE CLUB'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY! Make your reservations now for the gala Open House at the Clubrooms to usher in 1951. Total cost of the entire evening, including both solid and liquid refreshments, is \$4.50 per Member and one guest, and \$5 for each additional guest. More details next week.

SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: In accordance with Section Two, Article VII, of the OPC Constitution, a Semi-Annual Business Meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, at a time and place to be announced later. Please mark this date on your calendar.

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: OFFICIAL:

House Committee Meeting..KATHRYN CRAVENS' suite, Hotel Devon...Tuesday, December 19, 5:30 PM  
Constitution Revision Committee Meeting..Clubrooms.....Tuesday, December 19, 4:00 PM  
Awards Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Wednesday, December 20, 5:45 PM

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE:

T. Norman Palmer, director of T. Norman Palmer, Inc., Advertising. France, June to September, 1945; Germany, September, 1945 to January, 1946; Egypt, Iran, Iraq, January to March, 1946; Turkey, Greece, March to May, 1946; Norway, Sweden, Denmark, April to July, 1946, all for Stars and Stripes. Proposed by HUGH CONWAY; seconded by LOUIS P. LOCHNER.

Howard J. Brown, Cleveland News. July 2, 1948 to July 1, 1949, Netherlands, Italy, Greece, Palestine, India, China and Japan for Chicago Sun-Times. Proposed by IRVING P. PFLAUM; seconded by THOMAS B. GRANDIN.

Reginald L. Wood, Associated Press correspondent in Argentina. Mexico and Central America, 1945 to 1948; Argentina and South America, 1948 to present, all for Associated Press. Proposed by FRED STROZIER; seconded by ROBERT NEVILLE.

Faith Brewer Laursen, International Press Section, Department of State. China, Burma, India, June 1944 to September 1945, as correspondent for American Red Cross. Proposed by PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE; seconded by MARTIN SHERIDAN.

ASSOCIATE:

Grace Robinson, New York Daily News. France, May and June, 1930, for Liberty magazine and New York News; Sweden, Russia, Germany, Italy, August and October, 1932, for New York News; England, January and February, 1946, for New York News; Germany, France, April and July, 1946, for New York News. Proposed by ROBERT CONWAY; seconded by HUGH SCHUCK.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

ACTIVE: WILLIAM W. WADE, Foreign Policy Association

HAYNES THOMPSON, United Press

CARL MYDANS, Life magazine

ROBERT F. ALLEN, Associated Press

DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN, Life magazine

THOMAS A. HOGE, Associated Press

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GUEST: MAX FRANCIS RODIN, Wiener Zeitung

Correction: In last week's Bulletin, CHRISTOPHER EMMET was incorrectly listed as having been admitted to the OPC as a Guest Member. He is an Associate Member.

President LOUIS P. LOCHNER announces the appointment of BEN WRIGHT, director of public relations for American Airlines, as Chairman of the OPC's Public Relations Committee, replacing REAVIS O'NEAL who resigned the post because of increased pressure of business affairs.

Members of OPC Committees who fail to attend three consecutive announced Committee meetings without excused absences will be dropped from the respective Committee roster, according to a motion approved by the Board of Governors on December 11. The motion authorized Committee Chairmen to take the action automatically, and recommend replacements for vacancies to the President for final action by the Board. The proposal was adopted to permit Chairmen to improve the efficiency of their Committees.

Chairman JOHN BARKHAM announces the addition of O'CARROL COLVIN to his Awards Committee.

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CANDIDATES HAVE 17 MORE DAYS  
TO FILE O.P.C. APPLICATIONS  
WITHIN INCOME TAX PERIOD

Pointing out that Overseas Press Club initiation fees and dues are deductible items under the Federal income tax, the OPC's Membership Committee today urged that qualified candidates submit applications at once. If their fees and dues are accepted before December 31, the amount may be listed under "contributions" for 1950.

An increasing number of applications continued to flow into Club Headquarters this week as journalists moved to gain admission before the Club's 1,000-Member quota is reached. Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths reported the OPC's administrative staff has been putting in more work processing applications than at any time since shortly after the Club was founded.

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JOSEPH BARNES is sandwiching in book reviews between his feminine classes at Sarah Lawrence College. Teachers international affairs...The story is that JOCK LAWRENCE, former J. Arthur Rank and Sam Goldwyn publicist, will now produce shows..."Blunder in Asia", HARRISON FORMAN's new book, receiving critical plaudits in the New York Times...Add book notes: two OPCers rate best-seller listings -- QUENTIN REYNOLDS for his "Courtroom", and WILLIAM L. SHIRER for "The Traitor", the latter a novel...Honorary Member LAURITZ MELCHIOR received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree December 10 from Wagner College...A \$200,000 libel suit has been filed against columnist DOROTHY THOMPSON by a Hungarian citizen who alleges damages in connection with his losing a diplomatic job at the U.S. Legation in Berne, Switzerland.

The Overseas Press Club regrets to report the death December 9 of Mrs. EUGENE E. YOUNG, World War I war correspondent and a charter Member of the OPC. Mrs. YOUNG, 76, covered the war for several Hearst newspapers, and later wrote a play and became an actress. She retired several years ago and lived at the Hotel Albert.

Flair, GARDNER COWLES' lavish mag with the hole in the cover, has folded. January issue will be its last...A \$100-a-plate dinner on December 20 to finance an Interfaith Center in New York will honor HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE...Mutual Washington reporter WILLIAM HILLMAN has been re-named chairman of the National Press Club's speakers' committee...After two and a half years in Europe free-lancing with Seymour Frieden and WILLIAM ATTWOOD, DAVID PERLMAN is now back in the States...Col. R. ERNEST DUPUY dropped in from West Point last week to say hello to fellow Club Members...

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BETTY WASON is just back from a trip to Delhi, Ind. (pop. 2700) to do a story on American small town life for overseas broadcast. The tape-recorded material, including a case history of a DP family, will be used in a series of documentary shows..."What Next: Peace or War?" is RUTH KARPF's lecture topic in an East coast series...

A guest on the "Leave It to the Girls" panel on NBC December 17 will be BETTY BETZ, New York Journal-American teen-age columnist...American Airlines public relations director BEN WRIGHT recently returned from a special assignment for the Air Force in Korea and Japan...PAT MITCHELL, formerly of Argosy, has entered the import business in New York...First prize for a story on domestic travel was awarded BEACH CONGER, travel editor of the New York Herald Tribune, by the American Society of Travel Agents at its second annual Travel Journalism Awards Banquet last week...  
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Members who worked with William P. Nuchols when he was chief PRO of the 9th Air Force in Europe will be interested to know he is now a brigadier general at Headquarters of Far East Air Forces in Japan...Luckiest man in New York this week is AP lensman DAN GROSSI, who narrowly escaped death or injury December 7 when the body of a suicide hurtled past him outside the RCA building. The victim's foot grazed DAN's shoulder...  
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PERCY FINCH authors a Satevepost piece, "The Railroad Gang Hits Town", for the December 9 number. He is currently working with Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood sub commander in the Pacific during World War II, on a book, "Sink 'Em All", scheduled for the spring lists. Recently in New York on another book assignment, FINCH is an air commuter between N.Y. and California. Does his writing, with one foot in the Pacific, at Cardiff-by-the-Sea...HAL LEHRMAN, author of "Russia's Europe" and long time critic of Kremlinized Yugoslavia, will say "yes" to the question, "Should We Help Tito?", on TV's Court of Current issues December 19, 8 PM, WABD...The story of ERIC PALMER's adventurous career in journalism, public office and public relations is being put into book form by a name author...Past President LUCIAN S. KIRTLAND is recuperating at home from an operation...  
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The Foreign Press Association meeting called for December 18, to discuss lifting a membership ban on newsmen from enemy countries, has been cancelled. MAURICE A. CARRIE, secretary general, explained it would have been premature to consider such a move at this time.  
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LEO LANIA has an article on German rearmament, "Guns for the Germans", in the current UN World, and his report on the literary scene in Germany called "Pilgrims without Shrine" will appear in the forthcoming European issue of Saturday Review of Literature...A profile on Red China's General Mao, by HENRY R. LIEBERMAN, appears in the December 10 New York Times Magazine...HUGH CONWAY left Tuesday for a "well-earned rest in Havana which, as everybody knows, is a great place for a rest. Kindly pass the rum"...JEWEL DE BONILLA is nursing a pair of sprained ankles...HENRY C. WOLFE's Town Hall Topic last week was "Shall We Aid Yugoslavia?"...  
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An hour-long program, "The Challenge of the '50's -- Years of Crisis", will be broadcast over CBS radio December 31, while participating correspondents will appear on CBS-TV on New Year's Day. Among reporters who will take part on both shows are EDWARD R. MURROW; BILL COSTELLO, reporting for Asia and the Pacific; DAVID SCHOENBRUN, covering France, Portugal, Spain and North Africa; RICHARD C. HOTTELET, Germany and Scandinavia; and LARRY LESEUER for the UN...  
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## THE OVERSEAS TICKER

VIENNA DATELINE: (Special to The Bulletin) -- Military Air Transport offering correspondents a five-day junket to Oslo, Rome, Athens and Tripoli in connection with "Operation Christmas Tree" in which the Norwegian Air Force is sending US airbases in the Mediterranean Xmas trees, and the Yanks are sending gifts of fruit to Scandinavia...Simon Bourgin of Time-Life succeeds

ALEXANDER KENDRICK of CBS as prexy of the Vienna Press Club. KENDRICK is back in Washington on the CBS news staff...

The Joseph (New Yorker) Wechsbergs have an heiress born in Merano, Italy. The Wechsbergs recently made a wine-tasting trip to the Burgundy vineyards on behalf of Holiday...Gaylord K. Hodenfield of AP finally takes off for home (San Francisco) after four years in Vienna. Successor is Richard O'Reagan from AP Frankfurt...Charles Moffly and William Harlan Hale, new USIS boss and assistant, are recent Press Club members. The Vienna Press Club is to undergo extensive improvements including badly-needed redecorating. But first a committee is studying advisability of moving the installation...

Back from a writing trip to Switzerland and the Riviera are the JOSEF ISRAELS II and poodles...Col. L. K. Mulhall and most of his USFA PIO staff moved to Salzburg with Bill Stearman, formerly of MBS, taking over at State Department press liaison in Vienna...State promises to fix up handsome pressroom facilities at the Legation...John MacCormac (New York Times) and Ernie Reed (Stars & Stripes) among correspondents on a recent ECA junket to the Donawitz Steel Works in the British zone...Cy Sulzberger a recent Vienna visitor after Jugoslav triumphs for the Times...Overseas Press Club Members wishing press club hospitality in Vienna should contact PID Liaison Office, Vienna Headquarters Command. -- (JOSEF ISRAELS II).

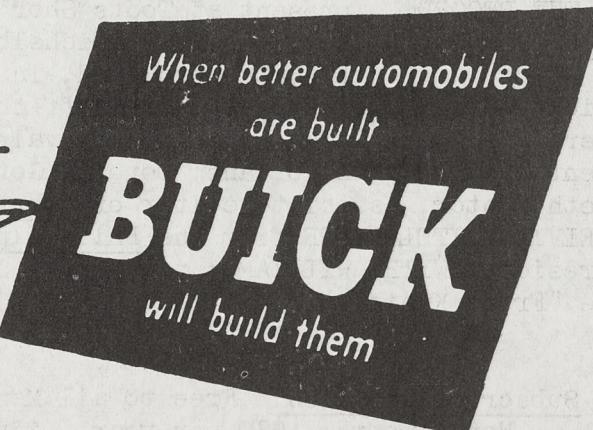
NEW DELHI DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- We hear here, through Shri Rangaswami, who is writing for Time in the absence of a regular correspondent, that ROBERT NEVILLE has been transferred to Hong Kong from Buenos Aires. NEVILLE was one of our correspondents here from 1946 to 1948...MARC PURDUE of AP got away in good shape after a farewell cocktail party for him by Ambassador Henderson. His successor, Harold Milks, and wife have arrived, and fortunately at this time of year when India's weather is bearable...

A. T. STEELE is here working MARGARET PARTON's New York Herald Tribune beat while she is on maternity leave. He is also one of our former visitors -- here last in 1948...John Hlavachek, United Press Bombay, and Rawle Knox, London Observer, headed for Katmandu and the Nepal war. They were reported captured and wounded in the Indian papers. Later they were found to be quite safe in Katmandu, enjoying the enthusiastic cooperation of the Ranas in getting their copy out. The British Embassy turned Knox down flat when he requested a channel through them...

ROBERT TRUMBULL of New York Times, just returned from two weeks in Kalimpong, Sikkim, sifting wild rumors of the Chinese invasion of Tibet. He wrote an interesting series, based on intelligence reports that Russia has surveyed Tibet and laid out plans for airfields that will be less than 300 miles from India...PERCY WOOD returned here November 24 after an extra week's delay in Rangoon covering Dr. Gordon ("Burma Surgeon") Seagrave's defense. -- (Mrs. PERCY WOOD).

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From HANOI, INDO CHINA, HARRISON FORMAN writes that "the press corps is growing daily. About 15 of us here now. And every incoming plane brings more. Those just arriving look as though they are happy to get here in time. Feeling outside must be that the fall of Hanoi is expected daily. Not so here. The Viet Minhs are all around, and damned close. But there's doubt whether they have the power for the final push into Hanoi. A great deal of that doubt may be wishful thinking, of course. And much of it is due to the hope that American aid will be pouring in by 8 o'clock tomorrow morning...But if you ask me, I'd say it's a race, and close at that...Incidentally, there's a closed censorship here. What you file and what comes through to the home office may not always be the same."

ROME grapevine reports that Shayne and JACK BIRNS (He's Life staff photog in Rome) added another dual-citizenship youngster to their clan with the birth October 30 of Rebecca Tyra. First son, Michael David, was born in Shanghai; second son, Jeffrey William, in Hong Kong. All the BIRNSES are returning to the States shortly after January 1 when JACK gets a domestic assignment -- much to the relief of three-year-old Michael who, in following his father around, has flown the Pacific three times; crossed the U.S. by air; flown the Atlantic; and crossed Europe by plane. Upon their return to Los Angeles, Michael will have totaled up 40,000 air miles, which should be enough to get him an airline pilot's license!...

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THIS IS A STORY WHICH THE EDITOR CANNOT COVER Last Thursday some 70 Members and OPC guests heard words that no one present will ever forget. They participated in a moving emotional experience which The Bulletin Editor cannot report on paper. For an hour, more than half a hundred veteran newsmen listened motionless -- some with tears in their eyes -- while a couple of kids told about the war in Korea. They were CHARLES and EUGENE JONES, television cameramen for NBC, whose beat was the brutal no-man's-land "beyond Company lines". The JONES brothers are twins, 25 years old, but they spoke as men who had lived twice their number of years.

Neither CHARLES nor EUGENE had made a public speech before. So they talked with a conviction, an eloquence unmatched by the most polished, highest-paid lecture "great". They broke all the rules. They told no anecdotes, especially about themselves. They repeated themselves, they talked in the jargon of the infantryman, they stumbled and halted and apologized, occasionally, for "being corny". Yet, through their sincerity and simplicity of expression, they made every listener feel the cold, the fear, the courage which characterize the anonymous men -- the "troops" -- they were saluting.

When CHARLES JONES sat down to a combined silence and awestruck applause, J.P. McEVOY rose. He did not want to ask a question. He wanted merely to say that, in all the hundreds of OPC programs he had attended, this one and this one alone had moved him more deeply than any other. His sentiment was echoed by listeners who sat, well-fed yet uncomfortable, in the warm, tastefully furnished third floor room of Toots Shor's restaurant in New York.

After the meeting, WILLIAM P. GRAY, presiding officer, presented both brothers membership cards in the Overseas Press Club. And, next day, an NBC press officer called The Editor. "I'm writing a story about the talks yesterday," he said, "but I just can't put together any convincing quotes. Can you help?" The Editor replied that he could not.

The book prize, "MacArthur: Man of Action", (Doubleday), by Past President FRANK KELLEY and CORNELIUS J. RYAN, was won by HELEN BUCKLER.

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GENERAL EICHELBERGER TALKS OFF-THE-RECORD BEFORE PRESS CLUB

A group of OPC Members and distinguished guests, numbering 110, were present at Toots Shor's Restaurant December 13 to hear retired Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger talk on "What Happened in Korea?" President LOCHNER announced, in introducing the Pacific campaign veteran, that

General Eichelberger preferred to speak off-the-record. Among guests and personalities present were Pfc. John Palma of the 1st Cavalry Division, who recently was liberated following imprisonment by the North Koreans; Dorothy Gordon, director of Yough Forums for the New York Times; Seth Kantor, associate editor of Sport Life; Jerome Beatty, Jr., Pageant associate editor; MELVIN WHITELEATHER from the Philadelphia Bulletin; H. V. KALTENBORN; CECIL BROWN; Founder President WYTHE WILLIAMS; new Member J. CLIFFORD STARK of McGraw-Hill; and others. Book prize "Fritz Kreisler," (Macmillan) by LOUIS P. LOCHNER, was won by MURRAY LEWIS.

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Editor.

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